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SMALL MUNICIPALITIES AND LIMITED POPULATION COUNTIES GRANT PROGRAM RECEIVES ADDITIONAL FUNDING

JACKSON, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently signed legislation authorizing an additional \$10 million for the Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program, part of the Advantage Mississippi initiative put into place to promote economic development in Mississippi.

"The state of Mississippi is striving to improve the quality of life for every citizen," said Governor Musgrove. "Through this grant program, we are helping communities build their capacity for growth and prosperity into the future."

New applications are required for this next round of grants. Prospective applicants should consider the following information:

- New guidelines and applications can be found under the Advantage Mississippi heading on the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) website, at www.mississippi.org, click on Advantage Mississippi, or by contacting MDA, Financial Resources Division, P. O. Box 849, Jackson, MS, 39205, (601) 359-3552.
- Two (2) copies of the application must be submitted to: MDA Financial Resources Division, P. O. Box 849, Jackson, MS, 39205, or delivered at our physical address, 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS.
- Deadline for applications is 4:00 p. m., July 1, 2002. No applications will be accepted after this time.
- Grants will be awarded by August 15, 2002.
- Additional information may be obtained by contacting MDA's Financial Resources Division at (601) 359-3552.

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